



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Miao and Kay
APPLICATION No.: 09/884,901
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FOR:

EXAMINER: Burkhart
ART UNIT: 1633
CONF. NO: 1704

**LIVER-SPECIFIC GENE EXPRESSION
CASSETTES, AND METHODS OF USE**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment and Response under 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated May 30, 2006, in the above-identified application. This response is being filed concurrently with a Rule 132 Declaration, a total of seven non-patent literature references to support the Declaration, a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, a Request for Continued Examination, and a Petition for Extension of Time requesting an extension of the period for reply to and including November 30, 2006.

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